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COURT ADJOURNS NEXT SATURDAY

Twenty-Three Cases Docketed and Not Time Enough To Try Them All—One Negro Convicted of Manslaughter and Another Found Not Guilty—Grand Jurors Drawn.

Court of General Sessions has been in session here since Monday, Judge R. W. Memminger, Charleston, presiding. Court will adjourn Saturday, despite the fact that not more than half the cases docketed can be disposed of. There are 23 cases on the docket, 19 of which are new.

The court officers present in addition to the judge, were: Clerk, J. L. Perrin; Solicitor H. S. Blackwell, Sheriff R. M. Burts, Deputy Sheriff T. L. Cann, Constables—James Stevenson, F. B. Mann, Thos. Finley and F. W. Wright; W. B. Bowie, Court Crier; Mabry Miller, jury boy.

The grand jury follows: J. S. Morse, foreman; C. H. Dodson, J. T. Magill, Earle Murdock, W. L. Burts, A. M. Power, W. E. Hill, W. H. White, John McMillan, G. M. Morrison, F. P. McGee, C. B. Thomas, E. W. Hagen, A. L. Link, W. T. Patterson, Albert Henry, T. A. Putnam, P. A. Roche.

Petit Jurors—R. M. Mattison, J. S. McLain, W. T. Strawhorn, Wayman Bowen, Thomas Stevenson, J. T. Simmons, S. T. Ramsey, R. P. Plunkett, J. A. Cannon, W. B. Uldrick, R. W. Shaw, L. B. Speer, C. H. Edwards, R. S. Ellis, J. R. Todd, E. G. Stokes, F. E. Smith, L. O. Ashley, J. L. McIlwaine, R. R. Fisher, J. B. Smith, S. J. Fisher, R. T. Broadwell, J. R. Winn, T. G. Sutherland, W. L. Kennedy, W. C. McNeill, W. W. Kay, and Joe B. Wilson.

The following cases have been disposed of:

State vs. Dr. O. E. Devlin, charged with enticing labor and appealed from magistrate's court, fine reduced from \$50 to \$25.

State vs. Ernest Cosby, larceny, plead guilty, sentence not passed.

State vs. Rouse Ricard, plead guilty to larceny and was sentenced to three months on the road gang.

State vs. Eva Nixon, colored, charged with assault and battery with intent to kill and carrying concealed weapons, found not guilty on first count and guilty on second. Not sentenced.

State vs. John Henry Harrison for murder of Will Lyon, both negroes, guilty of manslaughter.

State vs. S. A. Nance, charged with assault and battery, guilty and sentenced to 5 years. The jury in its verdict in this case specified that the crime was of an aggravated nature and recommended a heavy sentence.

John Glenn, charged with assault and battery was found guilty, sentence not being passed.

The case of Arthur Rouse, charged with rape will come up for trial tomorrow.

The case of Olin Jones, negro, charged with the murder of Nathaniel Williams was tried Wednesday afternoon and Thursday morning the case going to the jury at 11 a. m., Thursday. The jury brought in a verdict of not guilty.

Lewis Chiles plead guilty to house-breaking, sentence not pronounced.

State vs. Eugene London, et al, negroes, charged with stealing hogs, found guilty and given one year each. Cothran Cobbs charged with the same offense was found not guilty.

There are four other men to be tried for murder and Solicitor Blackwell says that he intends to make every effort to try these cases this week. The men charged with murder are all negroes and are Robert Alexander, Dave Alexander, Henry Harris, and Henry Robinson.

The following true bills were returned by grand jury: Jas. B. Ashley, assault and battery; William Heard, violating section 223; Winston Chiles, burglary; John Glenn,

WHEAT AND FLOUR MEN TOLD TO GET LICENSES OR FACE PROSECUTION

Washington, Sept. 2.—Another move in the government's campaign to combat the high cost of living was made today by Wheat Director Julius H. Barnes in warning all dealers in wheat, wheat-flour, and other products, delinquent in taking out federal licenses to obtain them at once under pain of prosecution by the department of justice.

The license requirements under an act of Congress of last March and a presidential proclamation of last June, will be rigidly enforced, Director Barnes notified the dealers. The only exceptions to the regulations of the wheat directors are bakers consuming less than 50 barrels of wheat flour monthly, retailers, farmers and farmers' co-operative associations.

Licenses control under the wheat director is made necessary, Director Barnes said in a statement today, as one of the steps in carrying out the price guarantee for the 1919 wheat crop, and to protect the government against undue enhancement of its liabilities thereunder.

Another effect, he said, of the licensing of wheat and its products would be to prevent hoarding and profiteering in these commodities, and permit regulation of profits.

"Not only is it a criminal offense to engage in business requiring a license without such license," Director Barnes statement said, "but also one of the important conditions upon which licenses, told hold their licenses is that they will not engage in business with anyone required to obtain a license who has not obtained such a license."

KING GEORGE AND WIFE TO BE WILSON'S GUESTS ABOUT OCTOBER FIRST

Washington, Sept. 3.—King Albert and Queen Elizabeth, of Belgium, will arrive in Washington about October 1, and will be guests of the president and Mrs. Wilson at the White House, probably remaining three days.

The king and queen will arrive in this country late this month and will come directly to Washington to visit the president and Mrs. Wilson before beginning a tour of the country.

It was learned today that the tentative itinerary provides for their return to New York from Washington for a public reception. Afterwards they will leave on a journey that will carry them to the Pacific coast. The cities which will be visited en route have not been determined upon finally.

Prof. Neuffer a Visitor.

Prof. C. V. Neuffer was in the city several days this week, the guest of his brother, Dr. G. A. Neuffer. Prof. Neuffer has charge of the schools at Goldsboro, N. C., and is succeeding in his life work.

Teaching in Chester.

Miss Marion Mabry leaves in a few days for Chester, where she will teach this year. This is her second year in Chester, where she is highly esteemed by the school board and by her pupils.

assault and battery; Rosa Bowie, violating prohibition law; Lewis Chiles, house breaking; Otto Lindsay, assault and battery; Arthur Rouse, rape; Will Dooley, assault and battery; C. N. Thornton, non-support of wife; Wesley Mims, disposing of crops; Robert and Dave Alexander, murder; John Henry Harrison, murder; Harry Robinson, murder; Olden Jones, murder.

A no bill was returned against Dock Jenkins, charged with house-breaking.

The following men were drawn from the grand jury to hold over for 1920: W. H. White, A. L. Link, P. A. Roche, J. S. Morse, F. P. McGee, T. A. Putnam.

AMENDMENTS TO TREATY NOT TO BE ACCEPTED SAYS DEMOCRATIC LEADER

Paris, Sept. 3.—The supreme council today decided to send an ultimatum to Roumanian government regarding her course in Hungary.

The ultimatum, couched in drastic terms and with a time limit, will be delivered by an envoy of the council. Should Rumania refuse to comply with the terms within a given time diplomatic relations will cease and the allied envoys will bring away with him from Bucharest the allied diplomatic representations there.

Washington, Sept. 3.—Declaring the real purpose of the foreign relations committee majority in amending the peace treaty was to kill the treaty entirely and that such a course would be suicidal to the United States, Senator Hitchcock of Nebraska, Democratic leader, asserted in a senate speech today that the majority of the senators never would accept any of the committee changes.

The treaty opponents, he said, "crawl on the ground with a microscope searching for pitfalls" in the League of Nations and overlook substantial benefits which the treaty would bring the nation. The proposal of Senator Knox, Republican, of Pennsylvania, that the treaty be rejected and a separate peace made with Germany was characterized by the speaker as an insane "mixture of poltroonery and folly."

"By a vote of nine to eight," said Senator Hitchcock, "the committee on foreign relations is to bring squarely before the senate the question of defeating the pending treaty. Suppose the senate should vote in favor of the Shantung amendment or any other? What would happen?"

"Either the president would refuse to go further with the treaty, or he would submit the amendment to the nations associated with the United States. Does any one believe they would accept it? Does any one believe that Great Britain, who has already ratified the treaty and who also is under a pledge to Japan with regard to Shantung, would accept the Shantung amendment? Does any one think that France, also under a pledge to Japan, would ratify this change? Does any one suppose that Japan herself would submit to this humiliation before the eyes of the world?"

"I cannot conceive of any intelligent and candid man who would assume such a thing as a possibility. We would be met by an instant refusal to accept the amendment, and then where would the United States find itself in this international settlement? We would find ourselves out in the cold, isolated from the rest of the world. The work of ratifying the treaty would proceed without us."

"The treaty itself provides that when three nations in addition to Germany have signed it shall go into effect. It is easy to see the enormous benefits which Great Britain and France will derive from this treaty. They will not take any chances. It is preposterous to suppose that Japan will delay its ratification. The result is beyond all question."

Scholarships Awarded.

G. Cann and A. B. Link, of Abbeville County, have been awarded scholarships by the trustees of Clemson College for the coming year.

COTTON MARKET.

September 5.

New York Cotton Market.	
Spot Cotton	29.00
Spot Cotton (Green)	28.50
October	29.06
December	29.35
January	29.29
March	29.35
May	29.52

RAILROAD COMMISSION CONSIDERS RAISE IN TELEPHONE RATES HERE

The South Carolina Railroad Commission, composed of Messrs. Shealy, Arnold and Cansler, held a hearing here Tuesday to consider the question of raising the telephone rates of the Abbeville Telephone Company. As there was no opposition to the proposition of raising the rates it is thought probable that the commission will grant the raise.

W. M. Barnwell appeared before the City Council some time ago and asked for a raise in rates as follows: business phones, from \$2.50 to \$3.00, residence phones from \$1.50 to \$2.00. Council recommended the raise if it should be approved by the Railroad Commission.

The decision of the Commission will be announced in the near future. In announcing the hearing the Commission requested that any citizen opposing the rates should appear at the hearing. There was no opposition whatever; in fact no one attended the meeting except the members of the commission and Mr. Barnwell.

The Commission held hearings at Ninety-Six Wednesday and McCormick Thursday to consider raise in telephone rates at those places.

NEW RATES TO GIVE SOUTH MORE EXPORT TRADE

Washington, Sept. 3.—Preparation of class and commodity rates upon report traffic from the Middle West to South Atlantic and Gulf ports was ordered today by Director General Hines.

The rates to be established will be substantially the same as the rates to New York on domestic freight and will equalize charges so that southern gateways to South and Central America can compete on equal terms with the east.

Decision to establish the rates is the successful outcome of a long fight carried on by the southern interests for a fair share of the nation's export commerce. The matter was brought to the serious attention of the government by conditions arising during the war, when eastern ports were congested with export shipping, while South Atlantic ports had less than they were able to accommodate.

Representations subsequently were made to the shipping board to obtain sufficient cargo space sailing from those ports to take care of outgoing traffic and to the railroad administration to establish equitable freight rates.

PETIT JUROR HAS AUTO STOLEN WHILE HE SITS ON JURY

Mr. Ray Fisher, member of the petit jury at this term of court, had a Ford machine stolen from him Wednesday afternoon sometime while he was in court.

Mr. Fisher lives near Honea Path and when he started to go home found his machine was gone. No clue to its whereabouts has been discovered.

Just whether this crime is both a larceny and contempt of court would be hard to tell, but probably is.

A Lawyer From Washington.

Mr. Thomas Bradley of Washington, D. C., was in the city for a few days this week visiting among his numerous relatives. Mr. Bradley is the second son of the late W. O. Bradley, who once was a member of the Abbeville Bar.

Mr. Bradley was accompanied by his young son, Donald.

Moving to Abbeville.

Mrs. L. O. Robinson was in Abbeville Wednesday. She has recently bought the Putnam place and is preparing to move to Abbeville, which is good news to her many friends here.

SENATOR CUMMINS SUBMITS PLAN FOR RAIL OWNERSHIP

Washington, Sept. 2.—President Wilson tomorrow will send out invitations for the proposed conference between labor, capital and agriculture, for some time in October, it was learned today at the White House.

Private ownership and operation of railroads under a number of regional systems under strict government control, with strikes and lock-outs of railroad employees prohibited, is the plan for railroad legislation submitted to the senate today by the interstate commerce subcommittee.

A tentative bill embodying the subcommittee's recommendation, which bears no resemblance to the Plumb plans had been introduced by Chairman Cummins and referred to the full interstate commerce committee. The bill is the result of many months of hearings and work by the subcommittee which, besides Mr. Cummins, include Senators Kellogg, of Minnesota, and Poindexter, of Washington, Republicans, and Pomerehne, of Ohio, and Robinson, of Arkansas, Democrats.

Salient provisions of the Cummins bill include:

Termination of government control and return of the railroads to private ownership on the last day of the month of enactment.

Establishing the interstate commerce commission with greatly increased powers, as the supreme body over railroad affairs.

Supervision and control of virtually all railroad affairs, including rates, wages, operation and financing by the government.

Creation of a new railway transportation board of five members appointed by the president to supervise railway development and operations, subject to final action of the interstate commerce commission.

LABOR-CAPITAL CONFERENCE TO BE IMPORTANT

Washington, Sept. 3.—President Wilson leaves Washington with the most important problems of his whole administration unsettled—the domestic labor crisis and the proposed entrance of the United States into a partnership of nations to preserve world peace.

During his absence the senate will debate but probably not vote finally on the peace treaty and League of Nations. Also, the country will be preparing for the most vital struggle since the civil war—a peaceful resolution of the acute difficulties in American industry. The president has called a conference, not between capital and labor, but "between labor and those whose direct labor." To him the world peace situation and the domestic unrest are interwoven. He believes the senate's failure to ratify has added to the uncertainty of industrial conditions. He proposes to tell the country why he thinks so.

Meanwhile the president believes his action in calling a domestic labor conference will have a salutary effect, that it will bring about a truce, that it will prevent all strikes while the captains of industry and the leaders of labor endeavor to work out a program of industrial construction.

Mrs. C. B. Mims.

Mrs. C. B. Mims, 90 years of age, died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. J. S. Bailey, Columbia, last Monday. Mrs. Mims is the mother of Mrs. Fred Cason and has spent the most of the time for the past ten years at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Cason here, and had many friends in Abbeville who will regret to learn of her death.

Mrs. Mims was born in Lexington County and lived there for many years. She is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Fred Cason, Mrs. J. S. Bailey and Mrs. Emma Mims, New Orleans, and two sons, J. P. Mims, Leesville, and G. D. Mims, Edgefield.

PUBLIC SCHOOLS TO OPEN SEPT. 8

Parents Urged To Have Children Enroll First Day—Pupils Outside School District Cannot Enroll Until After Sept. 12—A French Teacher May Be Secured.

The City Public Schools will open Monday morning, Sept. 8, at 9:00 o'clock. It is earnestly requested that parents see that their children are enrolled the first day of school in order that no time in getting down to work may be lost, and no unnecessary interruptions caused by delayed entrances.

The following teachers have been secured for the 1919-1920 session: High School:—J. M. Daniel, Abbeville; Miss Johnnie May Lynch, Saluda; Miss Turner, Landrum; Miss Magill, Abbeville, temporarily. First Grade: Miss Mary Burton, Laurens; Miss Lallie F. Hart, Darlington; second grade: Miss Mary Cornwell, Chester; Miss Georgie Ott, Fort Mill; third grade: Miss May Robertson, Abbeville, Miss Annie Gantt, Winnsboro; fourth grade: Miss Lillian Swetenburg, Abbeville, Miss Clara Adams, Abbeville; fifth grade: Miss Annie Hill, Abbeville, Miss Lois Jackson, Campobello; sixth grade: Miss Susie E. Lowm, New Brookland; seventh grade: Miss Rachel Whisonant, Blacksburg. At the Abbeville Cotton Mill: Miss Ruth McLane, Abbeville, Miss Ella Tribble, Anderson.

Efforts are being made to secure the services of a teacher of French provided a sufficiently large class can be secured to justify the teacher to come to Abbeville. Any citizens of Abbeville desiring to take the course in French may be enrolled if they will notify the superintendent. In fact, it is necessary to secure some pupils for this class who are not in the High School in order to raise the required salary. The class for these need not necessarily be conducted during public school hours.

By paragraph 1778 of the General School Law of South Carolina, it is unlawful to enroll any child in the free schools who is not six years of age at time of entrance.

No children from out this school district will be enrolled in the graded school (grades I to VII inclusive) until after September 12, as preference will be given the children of parents who reside in this district. If it is found after the first week of school that accommodations are available for a limited number of non-residents, such as can be accommodated will be admitted to the city schools, but will be required to pay tuition equal to the per capita cost of resident patrons of educating their children. Preference will be given to the applications in the order received. Parents desiring to enter children from without the district should give the children's names and grades desired to enter to one of the teachers of that grade on the opening day of school.

All of the fifth grade pupils will assemble Monday in the fifth grade room at the Graded School building where they will be assigned, alphabetically, to one of the two divisions of this grade.

Pupils who failed to make their grades the past session, from any cause, will be permitted to take second examinations on Friday, Sept. 19th. No blame must be placed on the teacher if these pupils secure new books for the higher grade before the result of the examination is known. Until after this is known the pupil will attend classes in the lower grade.

The colored schools under principalship of Joe Lee will open on Sept. 8, and will also use the text books as they are given on list published by the Speed Drug Store for use in the Public Schools of Abbeville.